

Travel Plan

December 2025



Charing CEP School

School Road, Charing, Ashford, TN27 0JN



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1 Introduction to the school

1.1 Background

We are a growing village primary school in the beautiful village of Charing, close to Ashford, that is growing rapidly. We currently have over 150 children on roll and 7 classes from years R through to 6. Most of the children come from the immediate catchment area, although some come from further away villages and Ashford Town Centre. There are 34 staff members comprised of full time, part time and voluntary members. The school day is from 8:35am to 3:15pm.

Our school's Christian vision is:

'Our inclusive school is a place of creative learning where all talents are developed, celebrated and enjoyed.'

*We nurture all to be curious, passionate and resilient lifelong learners. As a community, we listen to, forgive and love one another so all can be confident in who they are. Inspired by Jesus we walk beside each individual in our family by understanding and responding to their unique needs. We have hope in all our children that they grow to be open, compassionate people of the world who stand up for what is right. We live by this vision in our school alongside our school values of **Compassion**, **Friendship**, **Forgiveness**, **Resilience** and **Hope**.'*

1.2 Changes at the school

The school is neither moving nor expanding at the moment.

1.3 Inter-site travel issues

The school is on a single site, hence has no internal travel issues.

2 Operational hours

2.1 Core hours

8.40am to 3.15pm

2.2 Overall hours

7.45am - 5.45pm

3 Staff and pupil numbers

3.1 Overview of staff & pupil numbers

We currently have over 150 children on roll and 7 classes from years R through to 6. We also have a pre-school on site which currently has 26 pupils enrolled. We have 34 members of staff and a number of volunteers who come in weekly to either assist in classrooms or as reading volunteers.

Age range of pupils: 2 - 11

Total quantity of pupils on roll: 192

3.2 Current staffing levels

The school employs a total of 34 staff (20 full-time, 14 part-time).

3.3 Planned school expansion

The school is not currently planning to expand.

3.3 SEN pupils with transport needs

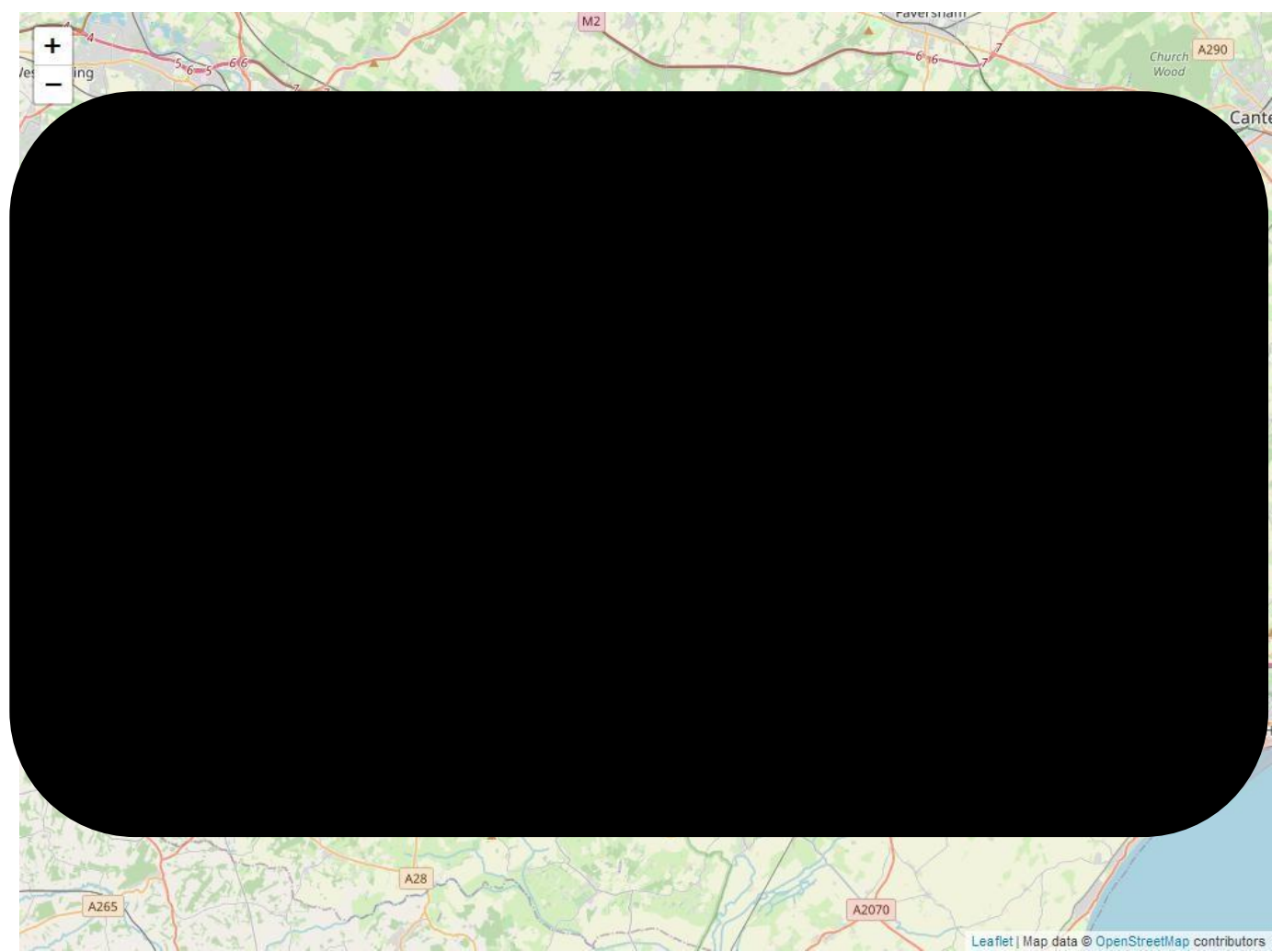
The school has no SEN pupils with specific transport needs.

4 Pupil & staff postcode maps

Staff Postcode Map



Pupil Postcode Map



5 Travel plan details

5.1 Previous travel plan

The school has no previous travel plan.

5.2 Reason for new travel plan

To become aware of how we can be more sustainable as a school and to help with any future planning or expansions.

6 Surrounding roads

6.1 Surrounding roads

The school is located in the middle of School Lane, a residential road, which in turn comes off the main A20 road. The road has footpaths on either side and a bus stop and road adjacent to it too.

6.2 Entrances and exits

We have one vehicle gate and one pedestrian gate. We also have a drop off/pick up gate for pre-school which is for pedestrians however people do not enter the site via this gate - only the children.

6.3 Parking restrictions nearby

There are school clearway markings outside the school.

There are traffic restrictions on School Lane and parents are not allowed to park on it at peak times, although many do. The school has a small car park on site for staff vehicles.

6.4 Traffic management measures

The school offers no traffic management measures.

6.5 Drop-off on roads outside the school

Parents drop pupils off on nearby roads.

On School Lane outside of parking restrictions.

6.6 Congestion and access problems

The school experiences no traffic congestion or access problems.

7 Car parking & usage

7.1 School car park

The school has an on-site car park.

In total, 12 parking spaces are available.

Of these, 0 spaces offer EV charging.

Parking spaces are not managed.

No parking spaces are allocated.

7.2 Drop-off points

The school has no off-site drop-off point.

Some parents park on the surrounding roads and walk their children to school.
Parents are able to drop pupils off within the school grounds.
Some parents drive into the school to drop off/pick up due to medical/SEN needs.

7.3 Parking on surrounding roads

Members of staff have to park on the surrounding road network.
Our on site car park is not able to fit every staff vehicle in so some staff members park off site on the road outside school.

8 Pedestrian facilities

8.1 Access by footpath

The school is accessible by good quality footpaths with safe crossing points such as dropped kerbs and pavements.

8.2 Access difficulties for pedestrians

None.

8.3 Crossing patrols

None.

8.4 Highway signs

Parking on restricted areas during school drop off and pick up

8.5 Walking bus

The school does not have a walking bus.

N/A

8.6 Other walking initiatives

The school does not promote any other walking initiatives.

8.7 Other pedestrian issues

Staff ensure the road is safe to cross for pupils who have been given consent to walk home (year 6 pupils).

9 Cycling & scootering

9.1 Pupil scootering

Some pupils scooter/bike to school.
Please see pupil travel survey.

9.1 a Scooter parking/storage

Scooter parking/storage spaces are provided. At both
our school gate entrances.
It is adequate.

9.1 b Encouragement & promotion of scootering to pupils & parents

Scootering is encouraged and/or promoted.

Newsletter/Facebook

9.2 Pupil cycling

Some pupils (2) cycle to school.

Please see pupil travel survey

9.3 Staff cycling

No staff currently cycle to school.

Too far or too close

9.4 Cycle routes/lanes

The school site is not accessible by external cycle routes/lanes.

9.5 Cycle parking

Cycling parking (2 places) is available.

Location of cycle parking: In the same space as the scooters

All cycle racks are covered.

All cycle racks are secure.

No cycle racks are lit.

All cycle racks are near building entrances.

9.5a Utilisation of cycle parking

Adequate

9.6 Cycle training

The school accesses cycle training from KCC's "Kent Bikeability" scheme.

9.7 Encouragement & promotion of cycling

Cycling is encouraged and/or promoted.

Newsletter/Facebook

10 Public transport

10.1 Use of public transport

Some children get a public bus

10.2 Obstacles to use of public transport

The buses are once an hour/infrequent

10.3 Promotion of public transport

N/A

10.4 Bus stops and services

10.4a Bus stops within 400m of site entrances

2

10.4b Services currently serving these bus stops

510 and 976

10.4c Shelters at these bus stops

The shelters are typically clean.

The shelters are not well lit.

The shelters have timetables or live travel information.

The shelters have seats.

10.5 Railway stations and services

The site is served by one or more nearby railway stations.

Charing Station

Southeastern Railways

11 Contract transport

11.1 School buses

There are no dedicated school buses.

11.2 Taxis

Taxis, whether for SEN or other students, are a regular part of the school day.

Taxis use the vehicle access at the front of the school.

Approximately 8 children come by taxi. These are children have had taxis organised for them to attend school as they do not live close enough to the school.

11.3 Parking issues related to contract transport

None.

11.4 Other contract transport issues

None.

12 Current travel issues

12.1 Other travel issues

N/A

12.2 New & current travel issues

Car parking on restricted parking lines/areas

13 Travel survey results

modal split percentages (actual) - pupils

	Nov 2025	Dec 2017	May 2016	Jun 2014	Jun 2013	Feb 2008
walk	26	43	40	37	42	30
park & walk	6	17				
cycle	1	2	1	3		
scoot/skate	3	1				
bus (all types)				6	11	12
public bus	1	3				
school bus			5			
rail			4		9	1
car share	6			6	8	10
car (alone)	57	31	48	47	41	44
other		3	1		2	2

NB rounded percentages may not add exactly to 100.0%

modal split percentages (actual) - staff

	Nov 2025
walk	15
cycle	
bus	
train	5
car (alone)	80
car share	
other	

NB rounded percentages may not add exactly to 100.0%

14 Objectives

1	<i>Deter irresponsible parking in the roads outside of school.</i> <i>Order banners and leaflets from the "Responsible Parking" website (for primary schools for secondary schools) to complement our vision to make pupils/ students and parents aware of the dangers of poor parking.</i>
2	<i>Encourage a greater take-up of 'active' travel amongst staff and pupils/ students</i> <i>Provide bicycle racks and scooter pods and/or set up 'Bikeability' training and 'Scooter' training.</i>

15 Targets

A	<i>increase % of pupils arriving/departing solely on foot from 26% (Nov 2025) to 30% by Nov 2028</i>
B	<i>increase % of pupils arriving/departing by car & foot (Park & Walk) from 6% (Nov 2025) to 10% by Nov 2028</i>
C	<i>increase % of pupils travelling by scooter/skating from 3% (Nov 2025) to 5% by Nov 2028</i>
D	<i>increase % of pupils travelling by bicycle from 1% (Nov 2025) to 5% by Nov 2028</i>

16 Actions

Summary:	Tasks:	Status:
Annual Survey <i>[lead: Mrs H Carrington]</i> Following the creation of our School Travel Plan 2025, we will continue to monitor the Travel Plan objectives and key issues.		ongoing
Bikeability (KCC) <i>[lead: Mrs H Carrington/Mrs S Siddiqui]</i> Provide Bikeability training to Year 6 pupils in January 2026.		ongoing
Road Safety Education <i>[lead: Mr T Bird]</i> Provide training and reinforce safety education for pupils and families.		ongoing
School Newsletter <i>[lead: Mrs H Carrington]</i> Include in our weekly newsletter active travel awareness and write to our stakeholders termly on actions to encourage more sustainable travel.		ongoing
Walk to School Week <i>[lead: Mrs H Carrington]</i> Engage with Walk to School week yearly to encourage more active travel by pupils and families.		ongoing
Zig Zag Enforcement <i>[lead: Mrs H Carrington]</i> Order resources from https://www.responsibleparking.co.uk/ to put up banners and raise awareness of parking responsibly.		ongoing

17 Monitoring and reviews

The Travel Plan will continue to be monitored closely by the school, and reviewed on an **annual** basis. The school agrees to complete a brief annual review of this travel plan **and** a pupil hands up survey at least on an annual basis, or when requested by KCC. The hands up data and review will be fed into KCC's Travel Plan Management System. This will be led by Mrs H Carrington.

The review will take into account all pupils' needs arising from new developments in education and transport provision. A more detailed review will be carried out should the school seek planning permission for further development.

This Travel Plan has been agreed and signed up to by the following people, who agree to the plan being viewed publicly.

Headteacher	<i>Mr T Bird</i>	03/12/2025
Sustainability Lead	<i>Mrs H Carrington</i>	03/12/2025